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Kidderminster Rural District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year ended December 31st, 1905.

To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The number of Births registered in the District during the year is 240, 236 of them legitimate and 4 illegitimate; the birth rate is 23·7.

The number of deaths registered is 135, and the death rate is 13·3, which is a low one considering that of the 135 deaths 60 were those of persons of 65 years of age and upwards.

SICKNESS.—70 cases of Scarlet Fever have been notified, 14 from the Foreign, 21 from the Wolverley district, 28 from the Chaddesley district, and 7 from the Wribbenhall district.

We have had no case of Diphtheria.

Two cases of Enteric Fever have been notified, both from the Foreign of Kidderminster; and 10 of Erysipelas, of which five were in the Chaddesley district, three in the Wribbenhall district, and two in the Foreign of Kidderminster.

There were a few cases of Measles in the Wolverley district in May, and a number of cases of German Measles in Stone parish in July. Mumps also was prevalent in Stone parish in November, and Whooping Cough in the Foreign during the early autumn.

31 Scarlet Fever cases have been removed to the Borough Infectious Hospital by my direction, in each instance, after investigating the surroundings. The Inspector visits all infectious cases, on receipt of the notification, and reports fully to me. He also punctually and methodically acquaints me with all the other important details of his work as they arise.

Cases of Anthrax have occurred at Rushock, Stone (at two different times and places), Dowles, Aggborough, and Yielding Tree (also at two different times and places). I visit the site of these outbreaks and satisfy myself that proper steps are taken with a view to preventing any risk of infection, through milking cows or otherwise, and see that cremation of the carcasses, destruction of infected litter, and cleansing of the premises, followed by disinfection and limewashing are attended to, and the health of those workpeople who have been exposed to infection looked after. There has been no extension of the disease in any instance.

I have systematically visited the various parts of my District, and in May I made, with the Inspector, a house-to-house visitation in Arley Village, and in September we visited all the houses in Somerleyton Avenue, and found there that, with slight exceptions, the residents were doing their best under existing circumstances to dispose of their sewage inoffensively. One or two residents were served with notices to cleanse dumbwells. In December, the Inspector and I visited all the low class cottage property in Catchem's End and Wribbenhall, and found it necessary to send a number of sanitary notices to the owners to empty and cleanse dumbwells and closets, to whitewash interiors of cottages, repair roofs and floors, spouting and dangerous chimneys, unstop drains and re-lay faulty paving, also, in one instance, to provide a suitable window for a bedroom, where there was deficient light and ventilation. There are many cottages in these regions which have very small and badly lighted and ill-ventilated rooms, and are generally in bad repair; but they are not quite bad enough to justify me in condemning them as unfit for human habitation. Moreover, they would be more tolerable if the tenants were not so careless and dirty in their ways.

I will give some other details of my work:—In February I called Inspector's attention to dirty cow-sheds on the Bewdley Road; a notice was served to cleanse and whitewash the same. I also requested him to visit a cottage in the Chaddesley district, from which children were coming to school with vermin on them. He found the house and bedding dirty, as well as the clothing of the children. The mother was directed to keep the children from school till their clothing had been properly cleaned, and a notice was served upon the father to the same effect, and requiring him to have the house cleansed. In March, Scarlet Fever was notified at Chance's who keep the bakehouse at Curslow; on visiting the house, I found that three children had been ill with the fever for three weeks, and that the father was ill and unable to attend to the baking, and a fourth child had been exposed to the infection (she sickened a few days later). I therefore decided not to remove these cases, but had a notice served upon Chance to close the shop, and discontinue the baking until such time when the doctor in attendance could certify that all risk of infection was passed.

In March also I called the Inspector's attention to some stagnant ditches near Shenstone House, where children had been continually suffering from sore throats; also to a stagnant pool into which the drainage flows from the Plough Inn, and to a defective dumb-well near little Shenstone Farm. The agent being written to, promised to give immediate attention to these defects. In May, when visiting the slaughter-houses at Wolverley, I found a foul privy ashpit in the adjoining yard and requested Inspector to notify the tenant. I also called the attention of the owner of cottages at "The Boat" to the condition of the yard, the paving being greatly out of repair, soapsuds lying in pools over the drinking well, and the drains out of order. At the end of May and beginning of June, in consequence of information received from the Wolverley National Schoolmaster I visited many of the cottages there, and at Blakeshall in connection with symptoms suspiciously like Scarlet Fever in children attending those schools, and in one or two instances found it necessary to remove the children to the Infectious Hospital.

July 26th, having received a complaint that night-soil had been deposited in Spencer-street, near to the houses, and was very offensive, I visited the spot and found that Wedgbury had deposited 8 to 10 loads on ground adjoining the wooden structure used by him as a dwelling, and in close proximity to other dwellings and to the public thoroughfare.. His midden was foul, and eight persons were living in the wooden cabin, which was quite unfit, as regards cubic space and means of ventilation, to accommodate such a number. I requested the Inspector to serve a notice to abate these nuisances.

September 20th, I called the Inspector's attention to choked and overflowing drains at Forge Bank, Cookley, and shortly after to foul privy ashpits and dilapidated and choked drains at Bradford.

Oct. 26th, a complaint having been made by Giles, Austcliffe Lane, concerning the well adjoining his house, and two closets near at hand (Matthews' and Wall's), I paid a visit, with the Inspector, and found the well covering and superstructure dilapidated and unsafe. I directed that the owners should be requested to repair this. Matthews' closet had been emptied, Wall's was not very foul, but notice had been served to empty it.

November 29th, I called the Inspector's attention to overflowing dumbwell on Sion Hill, soapsuds from it running down the road.

The bakehouses, including the two new ones at Foley Park, and also the slaughter-houses have been regularly visited, and have been found on the whole satisfactorily kept.

Four cases of over-crowding have been dealt with and abated upon receipt of notice.

No action has been necessitated under the Factory and Workshop Act. I have visited the factories and found the arrangements satisfactory. Neither of the occupiers of the bakehouses at Foley Park, at the time of my visit, had obtained Abstracts of the Act, but they promised to obtain and exhibit them at once.

The Water Supply throughout the district has been well maintained. In the two cases in which it was found unfit for consumption after analysis, or deficient, the matter was at once remedied by the owner of the property ; in the first by laying on the town water, and in the second by cleansing the well and repairing the pump.

The Wolverley Endowed Schools have been closed twice on account of Scarlet Fever, and also the Broadwaters' School for the same reason.

There is still the pressing need for proper drainage provision in the Sutton Common region and at Whitville, but I am glad to learn that steps are being taken with the object of incorporating within the boundary of the Municipal Borough these areas, and also Foley Park, Franche, Somerleyton, and Broadwaters. The district is, and has been during the year, with the exception of some of these areas, in a good sanitary condition.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

TABLE I.—VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1905, AND PREVIOUS YEARS.
KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.		DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE		DEATHS AT ALL AGES.		DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond District.	NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.	
		Number.	Rate.	Number	Rate per 1000 Births registered.	Number	Rate.*				Number	Rate.*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1895	9978	250	25.04	26	104	133	13.33	1	1	..	132	13.28
1896	10018	239	23.85	28	117.11	109	10.8	1	1	...	108	10.7
1897	10200	213	20.88	29	136.15	117	11.47	2	2	...	115	11.27
1898	10100	232	22.7	17	73.28	110	10.78	...	...	...	110	10.78
1899	10100	268	26.27	26	97.01	128	12.55	2	2	...	126	12.35
1900	10200	252	24.72	37	146.8	146	14.31	...	...	...	146	14.31
1901	10100	251	24.8	28	111.5	134	13.3	1	1	...	133	13.3
1902	10100	246	24.3	29	117.9	135	13.35	7	7	10	138	13.5
1903	10100	236	23.3	23	97.03	127	12.53	26	21	22	128	12.6
1904	10100	254	25.1	30	118.1	130	12.8	6	6	14	138	13.5
Averages for years 1895-1904	10088.4	244.1	24.08	27.3	109.1	126.9	12.6	4.6	4.1	...	130.4	12.5
1905	10100	240	23.7	20	83.3	135	13.3	1	1	13	147	14.5

*Rates in Columns 4, 8 and 13, calculated per 1000 of estimated population.

Area of District in Acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 32,935.
 Total population at all ages at Census of 1901, 10,111; Number of inhabited houses, 2260; Average number of persons per house, 4.47.
 Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District—Kidderminster Infectious Hospital.
 Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District—Kidderminster Union Workhouse, Kidderminster Infirmary.
 Is the Union Workhouse within the District? NO.

(TABLE II). VITAL STATISTICS of separate Localities in 1905 and previous years.

Kidderminster Rural District.

Names of Localities.	1 KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN.				2 WOLVERLEY.				3 CHADDESLEY CORBETT.				4 WRIBBENHALL.			
	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under one year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under one year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under one year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under one year.
1895	2831	79	45	6	2751	62	30	5	2279	56	39	8	2117	53	19	7
1896	2831	66	23	8	2751	66	30	11	2319	71	26	6	2117	56	30	3
1897	2831	84	33	6	2751	56	24	5	2334	59	38	16	2117	17	22	2
1898	2998	62	32	5	2751	52	30	6	2334	63	25	3	2117	55	23	3
1899	2998	70	36	7	2751	81	34	8	2334	75	30	6	2117	42	28	5
1900	2998	69	30	12	2751	69	51	11	2334	60	33	8	2117	54	32	6
1901	3064	83	33	10	2751	64	43	10	2209	56	30	7	2083	47	28	1
1902	3064	79	34	7	2755	62	28	6	2210	62	34	11	2083	43	39	5
1903	3060	63	33	6	2750	77	44	8	2210	54	28	13	2080	42	23	6
1904	3060	77	42	8	2750	70	31	6	2210	57	33	14	2080	50	32	2
Averages of years 1895 to 1904.	2927	73.2	34.1	7.5	2751.6	65.9	34.5	7.6	2247.3	60.3	32.6	8.2	2112.8	45.9	27.6	4
1905	3060	76	38	7	2750	64	47	7	2210	58	36	4	2080	42	26	2

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TABLE III.—CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1905.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.						TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.				No. OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL FROM EACH LOCALITY.				
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.					Kidderminster Foreign.	Wolverley.	Chaddesley Corbett.	Wribbenhall.	Kidderminster Foreign.	Wolverley.	Chaddesley Corbett.	Wribbenhall.	
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.									65 and up'wds.
Small-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Cholera ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Membranous Croup ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Erysipelas ..	10	..	3	2	5	3	2	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	
Scarlet Fever ..	70	..	15	49	1	5	14	21	28	..	..	4	11	3	
Typhus Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Enteric Fever ..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Relapsing Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Continued Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Puerperal Fever..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Plague.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	H	..	..	..	..	
Totals ..	83	..	15	52	3	13	19	21	33	10	4	11	13	3	

H.—Kidderminster Borough Infectious Hospital, Stourport Road, Kidderminster.

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

TABLE IV.—CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING YEAR 1905.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS," WHETHER OCCURRING IN OR BEYOND THE DISTRICT.							DEATHS AT ALL AGES OF "RESIDENTS" BELONGING TO LOCALITIES, WHETHER OCCURRING IN OR BEYOND THE DISTRICT.				Total Deaths, whether of "Residents" or "Non-Residents" in Public Institutions in the District.
	All Ages.	Under 1.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	Kidderminster Foreign	Wolverley.	Chaddeley. Corbett.	Wribbenhall.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Small-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever ..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1
Whooping Cough ..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Epidemic Influenza ..	4	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	2	1	..	..
Diarrhoea ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Enteritis ..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Phthisis, (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ..	11	..	..	1	5	4	1	2	3	5	1	..
Other Tubercular Diseases ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
Cancer, Malignant disease ..	14	..	..	..	..	7	7	3	9	1	1	..
Bronchitis ..	9	1	1	..	..	1	6	3	1	3	2	..
Pneumonia ..	7	..	2	..	..	1	4	..	2	2	3	..
Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Alcoholism (Cirrhosis of Liver) ..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..
Premature Birth ..	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	2	..	..
Heart Diseases ..	17	..	..	1	..	8	8	3	4	3	7	..
Accidents ..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Suicides ..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..
Cerebral Meningitis ..	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..
All other causes ..	55	3	1	1	1	12	37	15	17	15	8	..
All causes ..	147	20	7	9	6	37	68	38	47	36	26	1

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

TABLE V.—INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR, 1905.

Deaths from stated causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.		Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-2 Months.	2-3 Months.	3-4 Months.	4-5 Months.	5-6 Months.	6-7 Months.	7-8 Months.	8-9 Months.	9-10 Months.	10-11 Months.	11-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
All Causes.	{ Certified ..	7	2	..	..	6	1	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	18
	{ Uncertified ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Common Infectious Diseases.	{ Small Pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Whooping Cough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Diarrhoeal Diseases.	{ Diarrhoea, all forms..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Enteritis (<i>not Tuberculous</i>) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Gastritis, Gastro-intestinal ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Catarrh ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wasting Diseases.	{ Premature Birth ..	6	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Congenital Defects ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Meningitis (<i>not Tuberculous</i>) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	{ Convulsions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Bronchitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	{ Suffocation, overlaying ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Population. Estimated to middle of 1905, 10,100.
Deaths from all Causes at all ages, 147.

Births in the year—legitimate, 234; illegitimate, 6.

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORK-PLACES AND HOMEWORK.

1-INSPECTION.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspector of Nuisances.

PREMISES.	NUMBER OF		
	INSPECTIONS.	WRITTEN NOTICES.	PROSECUTIONS.
Factories (Including Factory Laundries)	10 No Factory Laundries	None	None
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)	59	"	"
Workplaces	1	"	"
Homeworkers' Premises ..	None	"	"
Total	70	None	None

2-DEFECTS FOUND.

PARTICULARS.	NUMBER OF DEFECTS.			NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS.
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M. INSPECTOR.	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	None	None	None	None
Sanitary accommodations { insufficient	..	..	..	..
{ unsuitable or defective	..	..	..	..
{ not separate for sexes	..	..	..	..
<i>Offences under the Factories and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of Underground Bakehouse ..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	None	None	None	None

3-OTHER MATTERS.

Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories—*None.*

Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act—*Seven.*

Underground Bakehouses—*None.*

Lists of Outworkers Received—*None.*

Addresses of Outworkers received from other Authorities—*None.*

Addresses of Outworkers forwarded to other Authorities.—*None.*

Notices prohibiting Homework in Unwholesome Premises—*None.*

Workshops on the Register at the end of 1905 :— Tailor and Drapers, 3 ; Wheelwright, 1 ; Builder & Carpenters, 3 ; Carpenter & Coffin Makers, 3 ; Wheelwright & Blacksmith, 1 ; Carpenters, 4 ; Coal Merchant & Carrier, 1 ; Wheelwright & Coffin Maker, 1 ; Dressmakers, 3 ; Blacksmiths, 13 ; Waste Merchant, 1 ; Bakers, 9 ; Bootmakers, 4 ; Painter, 1 ; Laundries, 4 ; Glazier, 1 ; Crib and Fowlhouse Maker, 1 ; Miller, 1 ; Tailoress, 1 ; Photographer, 1 ; Hairdresser, 1 ; Wheelmaker, 1 ; Dress & Costume Maker, 1—*Total, 60.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

KIDDERMINSTER,

JANUARY 23rd, 1906.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Kidderminster Rural District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to present my twenty-first Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1905:—

The number of sanitary notices served was 274, as against 291 last year; decrease 17. The notices related to 146 nuisances as against 189; decrease 43.

Of the 146 nuisances dealt with, 139 have been remedied; leaving seven outstanding.

DESCRIPTION OF NUISANCES DEALT WITH.

Dilapidated dwelling houses, with defective drainage	3
Foul and offensive privy ashpits	65
Foul or unwholesome dwelling houses	9
Defective or choked drains	14
Defective light and ventilation to dwelling... ..	1
Foul and open cesspits	3
Defective covering to well	1
Foul or overflowing dumbwells	9
Dilapidated privies	7
Accumulations or deposits	10
Foul pail or pan closets	3
Foul and offensive piggeries	7
Stale and offensive wash	3
Overcrowding cases	4
Defective water closet	1
Want of proper water supply	2
Unhealthy or dirty children	1
Miscellaneous nuisances	3
Total	146

THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATION ACT, 1889.

Under this Act certificates have been received from the Medical Officer of Health relating to the following cases, which total 83, as against 92 last year ; a decrease of 9.

In the CHADDESLEY CORBETT District, comprising the parishes of Chaddesley Corbett, Stone, Broom, and Rushock :—

Scarlet Fever,	28	...	last year,	16	...	increase,	12
Erysipelas,	5	...	„	3	...	„	2
Diphtheria,	0	...	„	4	...	decrease,	4
Total,	33			23		Increase,	10

Of the Erysipelas cases 3 occurred in the parish of Stone, (Hoobrook 1, Shenstone 1, The Willows 1), Lower Chaddesley 1, and Rushock 1.

Of the 28 Scarlet Fever cases, 10 were at Shenstone, Curslow, and Hoobrook in the parish of Stone, and 18 in Chaddesley parish, viz., 1, the village ; 2, the Old Barn ; 4, Outwood ; 2, Woodrow ; 1, Bluntington ; 2, Parr's cottage ; 1, Yessell cottage ; 4, Red Cross cottages ; 1 Harvington.

Thirteen cases of Scarlet Fever were removed, by order of the Medical Officer of Health, into the Borough Infectious Hospital, viz. 1 Shenstone, 2 Hoobrook, in the parish of Stone ; and 10 from Chaddesley parish, viz., Woodrow 1, Red Cross 3, Bluntington 1, Outwood 2, Chaddesley village 1, the Old Barn 2.

The WRIBBENHALL District, comprising Ribbesford, Dowles, Upper Arley, and Wribbenhall :—

Scarlet Fever,	7	...	last year,	6	...	increase,	1
Erysipelas	3	...	„	2	...	„	1
Diphtheria	0	...	„	1	...	decrease,	1
Total,	10			9		Increase,	1

The Erysipelas cases were from Castle Yard, Wribbenhall, 1 ; Catchem's End, 1 ; Whispering Street, Wribbenhall, 1.

The Scarlet Fever cases were, Hoarstone Cottages, 2 ; Winterdyne Villas, Stourport Road, 2 ; Rag Lane, Northwood, 1 ; The Bank, Catchem's End, 1 ; Ribbesford, 1.

The removals into hospital were 3,—2 from Hoarstone Cottages, Habberley Road, and 1 from the Bank cottage, Catchem's End.

No infectious disease reported from Dowles or Upper Arley.

The WOLVERLEY District, comprising the parishes of Wolverley and Churchill:—

Scarlet Fever,	21	...	last year,	22	...	decrease,	1
Erysipelas,	0	...	„	2	...	„	2
Diphtheria,	0	...	„	2	...	„	2
Total	21			26		„	5

The Scarlet Fever cases were, Blakeshall 2, Blakeshall Lane 1, Lock Inn 1, Boat cottage 1, Old Forge 1, gardener's cottage, Sion Hill, 1, Hoboro' 5, the village 2, Shortyard 1, Austcliffe lane, Cookley 1, and Broadwaters 5. By instructions of the Medical Officer of Health 11 cases were removed to the Borough Infectious Hospital, viz: Old Forge 1, gardener's cottage, Sion Hill, 1, Boat cottage 1, Wolverley village 2, Shortyard 1; Austcliffe Lane, Cookley, 1; Broadwaters 4.

No infectious diseases were reported from Churchill.

The FOREIGN OF KIDDERMINSTER:—

Scarlet Fever,	14	...	last year,	30	...	decrease,	16
Erysipelas,	2	...	„	3	...	„	1
Enteric,	2	...	„	0	...	increase,	2
Diphtheria,	0	...	„	1	...	decrease,	1
Puerperal Fever	1	...	„	0	...	increase,	1
Total,	19		„	34	...	decrease,	15

—The Scarlet Fever cases were, at Hoobrook 1, Franche Road 4, Spencer Street 1, Sutton Road 2, Oldington cottages 3, Foley Park 2, Shorth Heath 1. The two cases of Enteric were, Chester Road 1, and Deansford Farm 1. The Erysipelas cases were, Franche 1 and Franche Road 1. The removals to the Borough Hospital from the Foreign were 4, viz: Foley Park 2, Sutton Road 1, Spencer Street 1. There were also three Infirmary cases, viz: Chester Road 1, and Foley Park 2. One case of Scarlet Fever, Franche Road, proved fatal.

SUMMARY OF FEVER CASES:

Scarlet Fever	-	70	...	last year,	74	...	decrease,	4
Erysipelas	-	10	...	„	10	...		
Diphtheria	-	0	...	„	8	...	decrease,	8
Enteric Fever	-	2	...	„	0	...	increase,	2
Puerperal Fever		1	...	„	0	...	increase,	1
Total,		83	...	„	92	...	decrease,	9

—31 cases were removed into the Borough Infectious Hospital, as against 16 last year, an increase of 15. 10 of the cases were from

the parish of Chaddesley ; Stone, 3 ; Wribbenhall, 3 ; Wolverley, 11 ; Kidderminster Foreign, 4.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH WATER ACT.

Under sec. 6, chap. 25, of the above Act, two notices were served with reference to a cottage at Broadwaters and another at Hoobrook. These are still in hand. In the Broadwaters case the tenant submitted a sample of the water to the County Analyst, who says that more pumping would improve the quality of the water. In the Hoobrook case, arrangements have been made for a supply from within available distance. 68 new houses have been built in the district, all of which are occupied, viz : Foley Park 38, Lea Bank Avenue 3, Sutton Park Road 5, Hill Grove Estate 5, Comberton Road 1, Spencer Street 11, Wribbenhall (Stourport Road) 4, Hoobrook 1. 63 of these have the Kidderminster water laid on, and 4 are supplied from Bewdley. Other houses are in course of erection.

DISINFECTION.

In all cases of Fever a plentiful supply of disinfectants is given, and fumigation, cleansing, and whitewashing are ordered. Reports on each case are sent to the Medical Officer of Health, who also visits the cases.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

These have had my surveillance from time to time, when I have found cleansing and whitewashing attended to, except in a few instances, which were afterwards remedied. The names of two persons have been added to the Register during the year.

BAKEHOUSES AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

These have been regularly inspected both by me and the Medical Officer of Health, and kept on the whole in a satisfactory condition, with cleansing and whitewashing regularly done. There are no underground bakehouses in this district.

SYSTEMATIC INSPECTION.

This is regularly carried out in all parts of the district.

CANAL BOATS ACT AND REGULATIONS.

Number of boats inspected, 137 ; last year, 106 ; increase, 31. Visits to the canal, 67. Visits and saw no boats, 7. Boats conforming to the Act and Regulations, 136. One boat was found infringing the regulations, but the matter was rectified. The number of persons found on the boats was, males 376, females 10, children 6.

I again testify, as I did last year, to the general improvement and good condition of the boats coming under my inspection, and call attention to the fact that out of 137 boats inspected only one infringement was found.

BYELAWS RELATING TO NUISANCES.

One breach of these byelaws came under my notice, which was remedied.

CLOSING OF SCHOOLS.

Wolverley School closed for one week in May by order, and subsequently closed from 29th May until June 19th. Broadwaters School was also closed on medical order from October 10th to 31st, through the prevalence of Scarlet Fever. The schools were properly disinfected by me.

SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

In company with the Medical Officer of Health, at different times, inspections were made at Somerleyton Avenue, Arley village, Cookley village, Chaddesley and Outwood, Broadwaters, Wribbenhall and Catchem's End.

CASES OF ANTHRAX.

Several cases of Anthrax amongst cattle were reported. Every precaution was taken to prevent the disease spreading, the carcasses were burnt, and the premises whitewashed and disinfected.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

Workshops under Inspection :—Tailors and Drapers, 3; Wheelwright 1; Builder and Carpenters 3; Carpenter and Coffinmakers 3; Wheelwright and Blacksmith, 1; Carpenters, 4; Coal Merchant and Carrier, 1; Wheelwright and Coffinmaker, 1; Dressmakers, 3; Blacksmiths, 13; Waste Merchant, 1; Bakers, 9; Bootmakers, 4; Painter, 1; Laundries, 4; Glover, 1; Crib and Fowlhouse maker, 1; Miller, 1; Tailoress, 1; Photographer, 1; Hairdresser, 1; Wheel and Truck Maker, 1; Dress and Costume Maker, 1. Total, 60. One factory employs over 100 hands, it has proper and efficient means of escape for its inmates in case of fire.

The workshops were visited from time to time and found satisfactory. No proceedings were taken before Justices.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Over 86 special letters have been written with reference to Scarlet Fever cases, &c., during the year.

Of the cases of nuisance, all have been abated except the seven outstanding. No proceedings have been taken before Justices.

Trusting that in my capacity as your Inspector of Nuisances I have given you satisfaction, and thanking you for your kind support in the discharge of my duties,

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES STEADMAN,

Inspector of Nuisances,

